

W. Lexington St., No. 314 (Commercial Building)
Baltimore
Maryland

HABS No. MD-77-C

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Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Maryland	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Baltimore
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) W. Lexington St., No. 314 (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. MD-77-C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 314 West Lexington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1910 (Lexington Market Inv.)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A good example of Early 20th Century commercial design with later sympathetic first floor alterations. Designed as a store, later leased by Hochschild Kohn c. 1930 (then Red Cross Shoes (1960's)).		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early 20th Century Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 25x68' rectangular plan, three story, one bay wide		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Excellent polygonal bay unit at second and third floor, with good pressed tin spandrel, embossed pilasters and heavy bracketed roof cornice. Facade framed by cast stone pilaster strip with ogee backbands		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See Attached Sheet		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES First floor redesigned when leased by Hochschild Kohn (c. 1930)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE demolished 1979		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Lexington Market Value Capture/Joint Development Project Inventory		
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The upper floor (third) was used by Hochschild-Kohn, while the ground level area was a separate retail establishment. The second floor has been removed, resulting in a two-story first floor space.

Cellar-Nothing of significance remains.

First Floor-Nothing remains of the original construction.

Second Floor-Removed.

Third Floor-There is a bow window unit fronting on West Lexington Street, with the original sash remaining behind later casement windows. There are two windows in the east wall, with good mid-19th century architrave trim and casings. Also, the stair to the attic space is probably original, except for replacement treads and some risers. The newels are square, the handrail rectangular.

Summary-Because of the removal of the second floor and the subsequent remodeling, there is nothing of significance remaining in the interior of this structure. The window architraves and casings at the third floor level should be photographed, measured and drawn if the building is to be demolished.